IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re FOSSEL

Group Art Unit: 1711

Serial No.: 08/932,227

Examiner: MULLIS, J

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For: TOPICAL DELIVERY OF

EXPRESS MAIL NO.

L-ARGININE TO CAUSE BENEFICIAL

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EFFECTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

noted Continuing Prosecution Application. A three months extension of time is required therefore please consider this a petition for such extension of time. Should any fee be missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Lorusso & Loud Deposit Account No. 12-2147.

Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

39. (Twice Amended) A method of delivering a nitric oxide releasing substance selected from a member of the group consisting of L-arginine, L-arginine salts and L-arginine derivatives, to skin comprising the step of topically applying to the skin

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT The present paper is submitted as a Preliminary Amendment in the above-